

SERVICES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Road Construction in Giant Forest

Through November, work on roads and trails may cause delays on weekdays near the General Sherman Tree and across from the Big Trees Trail. Both are north of the Giant Forest Museum.

Work may take place from 6:30am to 5:30pm. Delays up to one hour are possible near the Sherman Tree. The parking lot and restrooms there remain open and the tree is accessible (weather permitting). Please slow down and travel safely.

Thank you!

Lodgepole Area

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. This village is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map. Lodgepole Village offers:

INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 9am-4:30pm through 10/31, then closed for the season. Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits & a slide program on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4436.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-register for them outside the Lodgepole Visitor Center. See details on page 4.
- **Walter Fry Nature Center:** Closed for the season.

FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR) - last day October 24.

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop:** Daily 9am-6pm through 10/2, then 9am-4:30pm through 10/24. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, premade sandwiches, ice cream.
- **Snack Bar:** Saturday-Sunday only 9am-4:30pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 11.
- **Showers & Laundry (DNCPR):** Last day open 10/24. Showers daily 9am-1pm & 3-5:45pm through 10/3, then 9am-4:15pm. Laundry 9am-6pm through 10/2, then 9am-4:30pm. Last laundry in 1 hour before closing.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.

WUKSACHI VILLAGE

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree. Cross-country ski rentals in winter.

FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- **Dining Room:** Breakfast 7:30-9:30am, lunch 11:30am-2:30pm, dinner 5-9pm (starting 10/25, dinner ends at 8:30pm). Dinner reservations required: 1-559-565-4070. Box lunches available. Lounge daily 4-10pm through 10/24, then for 4-9pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-7pm through 10/24, then 8am-5pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 10 for details.

WOLVERTON

7200' (2160 m) elevation. This open grassy meadow and picnic area is just 2 miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home to the world's biggest trees, this grove offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See page 6 for highlights. For picnic areas, check page 3 and your map.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4480.

CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily tours of this park highlight through October 31 (except October 25).

Tickets are not sold at the cave; see page 3 for details and schedule.

Foothills Area

1500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. A land of oaks, chaparral, and river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills have the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is here at Ash Mountain. In addition to picnic areas (page 3), the foothills offer:

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm. Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm through October. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 559-565-3135.
- **Potwisha Campground (NPS):** Year-round. Details on page 11.

Mineral King Area

The road to this area closes November 1.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. Mineral King is a beautiful subalpine river valley, at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please). There is no electricity or gasoline in the area; no drinking water in campgrounds starting 10/13.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Closed for the season. Self-register for wilderness permits on the porch.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Last night 10/16. Cabins, chalets. Late season hours vary. Restaurant/bakery always open Saturdays 8am-8pm. Showers & small store (gifts, limited supplies, ice; no gasoline or fishing licenses) always open Saturday-Sunday 8am-8pm. Summer 559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730. www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** No RVs or trailers. Details on page 11.

NATURE PROGRAMS

Park rangers may offer free walks & talks on weekends in the Giant Forest and the Foothills. Ask at visitor centers and see local bulletin boards for schedules.



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